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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Figov, Murray

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For : MULTI-PURPOSE MODULAR INFRA-RED
ABLATABLE GRAPHIC ARTS TOOL

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Group Art Unit 1752

Examiner: Amanda C. Walke

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003 containing a restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the product claims labeled Group I by the Examiner, comprising claims 1-12 (as amended, see below), relating to a dual-function printing member usable as both a printing plate and as a recording film.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's argument that the inventions indicated as Groups I and II are distinct.

Regarding Groups I and II, both are related as a product and as an associated process of producing / making, the product. The claims in Group I are drawn to a product, and not, as stated by the Examiner, to a "process of making" the product. Group II claims are drawn to an associated method of producing the invention of Group I and not, as stated by the Examiner, to a process of using the invention.

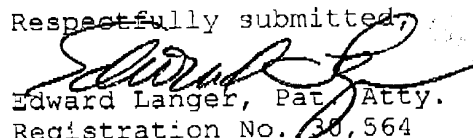
Applicant believes that Group I and II do not represent distinct inventions. To further clarify this point, Applicant herewith submits a Preliminary Amendment to these claims which does not introduce any new matter, but clarifies their similarity

and establishes a single inventive concept. Therefore, the restriction requirement between Group I and Group II should be withdrawn.

Applicant reserves the right to file and prosecute claims to Group III at a later date.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Application be examined in the light of the changes made.

Respectfully submitted,


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003 containing a restriction requirement, Applicant has concurrently filed herewith a response in a separate paper with a provisional election of the product claims labeled Group I by the Examiner, comprising claims 1-12 (original).

Prior to the examination in the subject case, kindly amend the claims as follows: